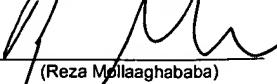


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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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